



## **USDA Bovine Export Verification (BEV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Mexico**

### **1 Purpose**

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. bovine items to Mexico under the USDA Beef Export Verification (BEV) Program.

### **2 Scope**

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughters, fabricators, and processors) of bovine items that are eligible for export to Mexico as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website. Suppliers who wish to label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Mexico under the BEV Program must meet these requirements through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program.

### **3 References**

*ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*

*ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/MEXICO.HTM>

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevmexico.htm>

### **4 Specified Product Requirements**

#### **4.1 Beef items:**

- 4.1.1 Beef, beef products, and offal, excluding liver, must be derived from cattle younger than 30 months of age at the time of slaughter using the procedures verified by FSIS as incorporated into the facility's HACCP, Sanitation SOP's, or prerequisite program.
- 4.1.2 Veal and veal products must be derived from animals 36 weeks of age or younger at the time of slaughter.
- 4.1.3 Beef and beef products imported from Australia or New Zealand which originated from establishments approved by the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Food may be used providing it meets 4.1.1 and 4.1.3 of this Program.

#### **4.2 Identification Requirements – For all items:**

- 4.2.1 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement "Product Meets BEV Program Requirements for Mexico" and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

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## **5 Listing of Approved Programs**

Only U.S. suppliers that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Mexico will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the Bovine Export Verification (BEV) Program for Mexico*.

## **6 Responsibilities**

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, *ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.